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SUBJ: GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTS ABOUT
NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH BRAZIL AND IRAN

1. GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED ABOUT
MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT
GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH BRAZIL AND IRAN. FOL-
LOWING IS A SUMMARY TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS FROM
PRESS BRIEFING OF MARCH 4.

2. Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE
GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, AND HOW DOES
BONN EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT WASHINGTON DISPLAYS STRONG
CONCERN ABOUT THE BRAZILIAN PROJECT AND AT THE SAME
TIME TAKES NO NOTICE OF THE GERMAN REACTOR SALE TO
IRAN.

A: IN REPLY TO THE FIRST PART OF YOUR QUESTION: IT
HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY MR. CHRISTOPHER AND STATE
SECRETARY HERMES NOT TO GIVE ANY MORE COMMENTS ABOUT
THE RESULTS OF THEIR WASHINGTON TALKS BEYOND WHAT HAS
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BEEN MENTIONED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. SINCE THIS
IS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE
ANY COMMENTS, EVEN IF I COULD. SECONDLY, THE DIS-
CUSSIONS (ABOUT NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS) IN THE US TAKE
PLACE IN THE MEDIA ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, AND I REFRAIN
MYSELF DELIBERATELY FROM COMMENTS ON THIS IN ANY WAY.
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEDIA TO DECIDE WHICH

WAY THEY WANT TO CONDUCT THE DISCUSSION.

3. IN ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT THE DATE FOR ANOTHER VISIT OF HERMES TO WASHINGTON OR ABOUT OTHER OFFICIAL CONTACTS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED QUOTE THERE IS THE BASIC UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TALKS WILL BE CONTINUED. I COULD IMAGINE THAT ACCORDING TO USUAL PROCEDURE IT WILL BE THE TURN OF MR. HERMES' PARTNER TO VISIT HIM IN BONN WHEN IT IS ADVISABLE. UNQUOTE.

4. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHICH WAS ALMOST INAUDIBLE BUT CONCERNED A TIME FACTOR THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STATED QUOTE NONE OF US HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE A VAST AMOUNT OF TIME BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE SHARE THE OPINION THAT WE ARE NOT UNDER A GREAT PRESSURE. UNQUOTE.

5. EARLIER, SPOKESMAN BOELLING HAD REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE DEMONSTRATION REPROCESSING PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN BRAZIL. ANOTHER SPOKESMAN HAD REVEALED THAT THE LICENSE HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED YET, AND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE APPLYING COMPANY HAD NOT BEEN TERMINATED.
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